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Title: ELEVATOR SYSTEM HAVING DRIVE MOTOR LOCATED ADJACENT TO

**HOISTWAY DOOR** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

## **AMENDMENT A**

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2000, having a shortened period of response set to expire May 7, 2000, please amend the subject application as follows:

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Please amend Claims 1 and 7 as follows:	3600		NEC NEC
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1. An elevator system, comprising:

a hoistway having a plurality of hoistway doors and a ceiling;

an elevator car and at least one counterweight located in the hoistway; and a drive motor drivingly coupled to the elevator car and counterweight via elongated connectors, the drive motor being located adjacent to one of a top-and-bottom

portion of a hoistway door and below the hoistway ceiling.

7. An elevator system as defined in claim 6, wherein the housing includes a movable panel protruding externally of the hoistway into [an] the adjacent [elevator] hallway.